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This patent document describes an Fe-based alloy having a high permeability, represented by a composition formula of  $\text{Fe}_a\text{M}_b\text{X}_c$ , where M is at least one element selected from a group consisting of Nb, Zr, Ta, Hf, Ti, V and Si, X is hydrogen or oxygen, and a, b and c satisfy conditions of  $85\text{at}\% \leq a \leq 97\text{at}\%$ ,  $4\text{at}\% \leq b \leq 12\text{at}\%$ ,  $4\text{at}\% \leq c \leq 10\text{at}\%$ , and  $a+b+c=100\text{at}\%$ . The Fe-based alloy primarily is an  $\alpha$ -Fe ultramicrocrystalline phase wherein a crystal grain diameter is equal to or less than 20 nm. The Fe-based alloy exhibits a saturation flux density  $B_s$  equal to or more than 1.5 T, and a high initial permeability  $\mu_i$  (5 MHz) equal to or more than 3000.